

## MEETING MINUTES

### Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday, May 21, 2018

300 Sower Blvd. Room 214

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In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, SWCC Chair; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Sam Hughes; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice, Mr. Billy Doolin, Ms. Denise Hoffman, and Mr. Marc Hult.

Others Present: Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation, Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation, Assistant Director; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees; President; Mr. Brent Burchett, Kentucky Department of Agriculture; Ms. Karen Woodrich, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Mr. Steven Kull, Division of Forestry, Assistant Director; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts, Executive Director; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Mr. Steven Olt, Division of Conservation and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 9:00 am by Mr. Ray Adams, Chairman.

**SWCC Minutes from the March 11, 2018 Meeting** - Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

**Equipment Report** - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Danny Shipley made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Don Minton seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests**. No requests were made.
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request**. No approvals were requested.

**Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments** - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the requests.

- **Vacancy petitions** -
  - Grayson County - Clay Leveronne to serve the unexpired term of Kim Seaton (2018)
  - Jessamine County - Doug McLaren to serve the unexpired term of Lois Aaron (2018)
  - Marshall County - Eugina Seibert to serve the unexpired term of Russell Riley (2018)
  - Martin County - Larry May to serve the unexpired term of James E. BeDillion (2020)
  - Oldham County - Alexander Babey to serve the unexpired term of Nancy Theiss (2018)

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**

- **Incentive Per Diem -**
  - **Floyd County**
    - Lenville Martin – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
    - Thomas Hardwick – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
    - Ernie Tackett – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting and 9 ten minute trainings
    - Bert Layne – KACD convention, Area 8 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
    - Clyde Doug DeRossett – KACD convention and 10 ten minute trainings
  - **Franklin County**
    - Todd Akers – KACD convention and 10 ten minute trainings
    - Steve Coleman – KACD convention, 10 ten minute trainings and Area 6 meeting
    - Tom Karsner – KACD convention, 9 ten minute trainings and Area 6 meeting
    - Curtis Kirk – KACD convention, 10 ten minute trainings and Area 6 meeting
    - Bruce Quarles – KACD convention, 9 ten minute trainings
  - **Grant County**
    - Bill Courts – At least 8 ten minute trainings and Area 5 meeting
    - Edna Cummins – At least 8 ten minute trainings and Area 5 meeting
    - Tim Epperson – At least 8 ten minute trainings and KACD convention
    - Jerry Martin – At least 8 ten minute trainings and Area 5 meeting
  - **Hancock County**
    - Joseph Hagman – Area 2 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
    - Dennis Johnson – Area 2 meeting and 9 ten minute trainings
    - Stephen Ogle – Area 2 meeting and 8 ten minute trainings
    - Anthony Johnson – Area 2 meeting and 9 ten minute trainings
    - Loyd Ray – Area 2 meeting and 8 ten minute trainings
    - Gary Long – KACD convention and 10 ten minute trainings
  - **Harrison County**
    - Paul Tucker – 9 ten minute trainings and KACD convention
    - Nick Farmer – 8 ten minute trainings and Area 5 meeting
    - Bill Roberts – 8 ten minute trainings and KACD convention
    - Jennifer Burgan – 8 ten minute trainings and KACD convention
    - Megan Baxter – 8 ten minute trainings and NACD annual meeting
    - Eddie Million – 8 ten minute trainings and Area 5 meetin
  - **Leslie County**
    - Mary Caudill – KACD convention and 9 ten minute trainings
  - **Marshall County**
    - Kyle O'Dell – Area meeting and at least 8 ten minute trainings
    - Jeff Futrell – Area meeting and at least 8 ten minute trainings
  - **Montgomery County**
    - Danny Montgomery – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
    - Robert Amburgey – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
    - Linda Webb – KACD convention and 11 of 12 ten minute trainings
    - Shannon White – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
    - Mike Gabbard – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
    - John Gabbard – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
    - Barry McCoy – KACD convention and Area 8 meeting
  - **Simpson County**
    - Larry Gomer – KACD convention, 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 3 meeting
    - Buster Estes – KACD convention, 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting
    - Jeff Holder – KACD convention, 10 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting
    - Joe Cushenberry – 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting
    - Bruce Akin – 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting
    - Chad Konow – 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting
    - Anthony Denning – 11 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 2 meeting

- **Spencer County**
  - N. Glen Goebel – Area 4 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
  - Lowry Brown – Area 4 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
  - Robert Jones – Area 4 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
  - Thomas Franklin – Area 4 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
  - Gene Hoene – Area 4 meeting and 10 ten minute trainings
  - Shirley Thomas – Area 4 meeting and 9 ten minute trainings
- **Taylor County**
  - Sophia Adams – KACD convention, area meeting, and at least 8 ten minute trainings
  - David Cowherd – Area meeting and at least 8 ten minute trainings
  - Debbie Gabbert – KACD convention, area meeting, and at least 8 ten minute trainings
  - Marion Howard – Area meeting and at least 8 ten minute trainings
  - Barry Smith – KACD convention and at least 8 ten minute trainings
- **Warren County**
  - Garnett Owens – 8 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 3 meeting
  - LaJuana Wilcher – 8 of 12 ten minute trainings, Area 3 meeting, KACD convention
  - Mark Chapman – 8 of 12 ten minute trainings and KACD convention
  - Rhodes Hester – 8 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 3 meeting
- **Wolfe County**
  - Brandon Rose – 8 of 12 ten minute trainings and Area 9 meeting

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

**Incentive Per Diem Qualifying Event Request** – A request was made by Floyd County to have the Floyd County Supervisor’s Leadership training to act as a qualifying event. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

**Agriculture District Program** - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Four (4) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 949.46 acres.

1. Fleming County (Petition No. 035-04 (A3) – 86.28 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Mike Hult. **Motion carried.**
2. Fleming County (Petition No. 035-14 (A6) – 89.94 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
3. Fleming County (Petition No. 035-18 (A6) – 80.17 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
4. Green County (Petition No. 044-02 (A1) – 553.07 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Billy Doolin. **Motion carried.**
5. Green County (Petition No. 044-04 (A1) – 140.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

Sixteen (16) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 12,243.85 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES	COMMENTS
Adair	001-01	313.10	
Adair	001-02	307.00	
Anderson	003-02	330.00	
Ballard	004-04	2,155.23	
Ballard	004-10	508.66	
Boone	008-15	77.67	
Lincoln	069-03	150.43	
Marion	078-04	564.19	
Robertson	101-01	578.60	
Robertson	101-02	590.03	
Robertson	101-03	290.00	
Robertson	101-07	478.00	
Robertson	101-08	446.04	
Robertson	101-10	845.00	
Russell	104-05	410.14	
Shelby	106-03	4,199.76	

Motion to approve all sixteen (16) recertification's was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

**New Business** – Mr. Ray Adams discussed the follow with the board.

- Nominations for the Agriculture Water Quality Authority (AWQA)
  - Member-at-Large Environmental – Mr. Marc Hult
  - Member-at-Large Agriculture – Mr. Joe Sisk, Mr. Lee Robey

A motion to accept the nominations was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

- Approval of State Cost Share manual – Mr. Marc Hult made a motion to approve the SCS manual and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
- Mr. Jay Nelson discussed the following State Cost Share information:
  - Currently 100+ employees have been trained on the new manual.
  - The NRCS Area Conservationists to attend their upcoming area meetings to train NRCS staff on the technical aspect and reorganization of the program.
  - New BMP for fence line feeders will be added in this fall.
  - June application cut off, but may extend if a reason comes to light.
- Mr. Steven Olt discussed Green County's ongoing partnership with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife in the Glenview Property Wetland Project. Mr. Steven Olt ask that the board to fund the project for another year in the amount of \$ 5,000.00. Ms. Denise Hoffman made a motion to approve and Mr. Danny Shipley seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

**Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Paulette discussed the following with the board:

- The Division of Conservation is taking a tour at Eden Shale Farms and is holding a division meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Division of Conservation is looking at partnering with KACD and hiring one more Conservation employee. This would fall under KACD's 50/50 split program.

**Agency Reports**

- **Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts** – Ms. Crystal Renfro discussed the following with the board:
  - KACD's convention is being held in Owensboro KY on July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Crystal Renfro invited everyone to attend.
  - Ms. Crystal Renfro asked everyone to update their email contact list to add her name. Currently having issues with her email.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Karen Woodrich discussed the following with the board:
  - 18 million dollars is currently being dispersed by EQIP.
  - Secretary has approved the hiring of 400 new employees.
  - Eleven of the four hundred employees will be used here in Kentucky.
  - NRCS will have 16 summer interns coming aboard.
  - NRCS is currently operating at 148 employees, this is down from 230 employees 5 years ago.
  - The Memorandum of Understanding was sent out.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Brent Burchett updated the board about these items:
  - May is beef month.
  - Kroger and Kentucky Beef Cattle Association is working together to offer local beef to every Kroger.
  - LAND is Linking Agriculture for Network Development.
  - Kentucky Proud wedding contest with a \$5,000.00 prize.
  - Winter wheat and soybeans are being planted.

- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended
- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. Steve Kull discussed the following with the board:
  - Kentucky nurseries finishing up with 150,000 trees being distributed.
  - Kentucky district purchased upwards of 100,000 trees.
  - All tree sales go to funding Kentucky's tree nurseries.
  - No general funds available to the nurseries.
  - Division of Forestry and NRCS is continuing their partnership.
  - Stewardship planning and addressing backlogs.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
  - Upcoming KACD Convention.
  - Working with Ms. Crystal Renfro on the employee session being held at Convention.
  - Scholarship funds for employees to attend convention.
  - Looking forward to the new online application.

Mr. Ray Adams opened the floor to any new discussion:

- Mr. Scotty Parsons said that everyone was busy in his area farming.
- Mr. Billy Doolin discussed how his area keeps all their equipment up and running.
- Mr. Danny Shipley discussed the loaning out of equipment and there usage.
- Mr. Marc Hult discussed the KY HLCF grants and working with Boy Scotts.
- Ms. Denise Hoffman discussed the CAIP funds in Owsley funded 50 out of 100 application.
- Mr. Jay Nelson thanked the entire board for their support of the State Cost Share manual.
- Mr. Steve Olt discussed concerns in dealing with watershed financial reports.
- Mr. Sam Hughes the renting out of equipment: manure spreader and no-till drill
- Mr. Don Minton discussed Pulaski County and its 16 total pieces of equipment and housing issues. They will have some summer employees coming aboard to help. Pulaski County is working with Rockcastle in a 50/50 employee split.
- Mr. Jeff Rice talked about agriculture education in the schools and the Art and Writing contest that is held every year.
- Mr. Ray Adams discussed back yard gardens, particularly in western Jefferson County.

Mr. Ray Adams and the board decided to move the next meeting from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Scotty Parsons discussed the loan process and what authority does the board have in raising or lowering interest rate. Ms. Johnna McHugh said that the board can raise or lower interest rate at any time. Mr. Scotty Parsons discussed the need for more advertising for equipment loans.

**Next Board Meeting** – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 pm Central Time at the KACD Annual Convention.

**Adjourned** - Mr. Sam Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried**